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POLITICAL SITUATION IN FINLAND AS DESCRIBED
BY ZILLIACUS TO "KLARA"
(1944)

From: STOCKHOLM

8th January 1944

To: MOSCOW

Subj: 87, BB

[2-part message complete]

[Part 1] To VIKTOR[1],

To 8th Department.

ZILLIACUS[TAHLIARUS](14), who arrived from FINLAND on
5th January, told "KLARA"[111] the following:

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[Part II]

[2 groups unrecovered].

The programme of the Social-Democratic Party [7 groups unrecovered].

1. Military

[3 groups unrecovered].

troops from FIM. D.

3. Proof to RUSSIA and the allies that [2 groups unrecovered] seek a way both to peace and to friendly relations with RUSSIA. [3 groups unrecovered]. [3 groups unrecovered] SETS type government could establish relations with the USSR similar to Soviet-Czechoslovak relations [4. RUSSIA [xvi], who was formerly sympathetic towards and in touch with the opposition, [5 groups unrecovered], [1 group unrecovered] in view of the fact that the opposition does not believe in its future and considers that RUSSIA is not and will not be interested in it. Unless RUSSIA adopts a favourable attitude, there is no [2 groups unrecovered] of success. RUSSIA, in his opinion, will rely on another [1 group unidentified]. There is also the organised opposition of the Communists and the opposition movement of the liberal and left-radical [1 group unidentified]. The latter is headed by the lawyer FEMALA [xvi]. They advocate an exclusively pro-Russian line and make no [3 claims] to [4 groups unrecovered], [3 groups unrecovered] or to [1 group unrecovered] FIM [xvi], which the Social-Democratic opposition, as a 'vitally important' [3 groups unrecovered] and Russian [6 bases]. [5 groups unrecovered] in the final analysis solve the Finnish question according to the Baltic States' [1 group unrecovered]. All the opposition trends are divided

[10 groups unrecovered].

parliamentary opposition. VOORI [xvii], the Secretary of the Trades Unions, is, as before, a supporter of FIM, but [3 groups unrecovered], considering the position of FIM now to be [3 groups unrecovered] members.

FIM

[31 groups unrecovered].

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[39 groups unrecoverable]

and ZILLIACUS.

Note: Zilli's information can be trusted. He described the position in FINE to KL as he himself sees and assesses it.

No. 14 VALSEPLA (max)

- Notes:
- (a) Or "it".
 - (b) This decrypts to "journalists" and it has been assumed that "journal", which is the next group in the code book, was intended.
 - (c) These two groups presumably represent a preamble e.g. "Continuation of telegram No. 14" or "Further to telegram No. 14".
 - (d) The S. S. government signed a 20-year Treaty of Alliance with the USSR on 12th December 1943.
 - (e) Not clear to what "it" refers.
 - (f) The same unidentified group occurs in both positions.

- Comments:
- (i) VITON: Lt. Gen. P. M. VITON.
 - (ii) ZILLIACUS: Possibly Doctor Laurin ZILLIACUS, member of the Social Democratic Party of FINE.
 - (iii) KL 7.
 - (iv) VALSEPLA: Lt. Gen. Carl Rudolf VALSEN, non-party, Minister of Defence in the Finnish (LIPKONEN) Government.
 - (v) TAPPER: Oskari Alfred TAPPER, Social Democrat, Minister of Finance in the Finnish (LIPKONEN) Government.
 - (vi) PERUNJEL: Prof. Elis Ragnar PERUNJEL, member of the Finnish Parliament.

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Comments

- (Cont'd): [xvii] The lawyer PEKKALA: / Possibly Eino PEKKALA, judge; brother of Mauno PEKKALA (cf. Comment (vii)).
- [xviii] VUORI: / Arne VUORI, Social Democrat, became Minister of Transport in the Finnish (P. SIKIVI) Government.
- [xix] V.L. RIN: / Vasilij Fedorovich RIN.

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Comments

[Cont'd]: [vii] Eino PUKKILA: ✓

Presumably sent in error for Kauno PUKKALA, (brother of Eino PUKKILA, cf. Comment [xvii]), Social Democrat, member of the Finnish Parliament, former Minister; editor-in-chief.

[viii] VETO: ✓

Jouko William VETO, Social Democrat.

[ix] Sylvi-Kyllikki KILPI: ✓

Member of the Finnish Parliament; M.A. Phil.; wife of Eino KILPI (cf. Comment [xi]).

[x] Gun. or ANDERSSON: ✓

Sven Gunnar ANDERSSON, Social Democrat, member of Finnish Parliament; solicitor.

[xi] Eino KILPI: ✓

Juho Eino KILPI, Social Democrat; editor-in-chief of "SUOMEN SOCLIAL DEMOKRAATTI"; husband of Sylvi-Kyllikki KILPI (cf. Comment [ix]).

[xii] SAICHAAL: ✓

Väinö Väinö SAICHAAL, Social Democrat, Minister of Communications and Public Works in the Finnish (LIPKONEN) Government.

[xiii] VÄIKÄLÄINEN: ✓

Oskar Brynol VÄIKÄLÄINEN, Social Democrat, member of the Finnish Parliament.

[xiv] LÄITIKÄINEN: ✓

Aleksis LÄITIKÄINEN, Social Democrat, Minister of Social Welfare in the Finnish (LIPKONEN) Government.

[xv] KESKINEN: ✓

Aatos Keskisen KESKINEN, member of the Finnish Parliament; editor-in-chief of "ARBEIDSBLEDET".

[xvi] KESKINEN: ✓

Juho Kusti KESKINEN, non-Party, formed a new Government on 17th November 1914.

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